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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5908

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 5890

1. DR. KLIKS, LT. JESKE, AND SGT DUFFMAN DEPARTED VIENTIANE 0930 JULY 29 AFTER TREATING PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA FOR SIXTEEN DAYS. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE OUTSTANDING JOB THEY DID UNDER DIFFICULT AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ALL ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE AND GREAT COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE U.S. AIR FORCE, AND THE 13TH AIR FORCE.

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2. THE PAST 48 HOURS WERE UNEVENTFUL WITH SOUVA UA'S

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VITAL SIGNS REMAINING STABLE. A JULY 27 EKG SHOWED DEEPER T WAVE INVERSION WITH LESS ST SEGMENT ELEVATION IN LEADS V2 - 4. SOUVANNA SAID THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT FATIGUED THE EVENING OF JULY 27 AFTER SITTING UPRIGHT IN BED FOR EACH OF HIS MEALS ATAPPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TOTAL TIME). ON THE 28TH, HOWEVER, HE SAT UP FOUR TIMES, THE LAST FOR ONE HOUR, AND SEEMED TO TOLERATE IT WELL. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ARRHYTHMIA OR HEART FAILURE DURING AN EXAMINATION ON THE 28TH. MEDICATIONS AT THIS POINT INCLUDE:

A) COUMADIN - 5 MG. ALTERNATING WITH 7.5 MG DAILY.

B) PERSANTIN - 75 MG. TABLETS, 2 BID.

C) GLUCOPHAGE - (DIMETHYL BIGUANIDE), 1/2 TAB BID (FRENCH).

D) COLACE - 1 CAPSULE BID.

E) MANDRAX AT BEDTIME (NON-BARBITURATE SLEEPING MEDICATION - FRENCH).

F) VALIUM - 5 MG. AS NEEDED FOR RESTLESSNESS.

3. THERE PROBABLY WILL BE A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE WORKED OUT FOR DR. KLIKS' RE-EXAMINATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL IF DR. KLIKS MADE ONE LONGER VISIT RATHER THAN THE TWO SHORT ONES MENTIONED IN VIENTIANE 5890. WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH SOUVANNA'S FAMILY, WHO AGREED AND REQUESTED THAT DR. KLIKS RETURN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, AND REMAIN UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 12. THEY ALSO EXTENDED A FAMILY INVITATION FOR MRS. KLIKS TO ACCOMPANY THE DOCTOR.

4. BARRING MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS, THIS WILL BE OUR LAST DAILY MESSAGE ON SOUVANNA'S ILLNESS. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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